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HAPPY TALK

Story 4:
A Black Cat Going Around London (3)

ALL RIGHT DEAR AUDIENCE, PLEASE WATCH CAREFULLY
IN MY FINGERS IS A MARBLE THIS REPRESENTS THE WHITE MOON ON A COLD NIGHT.
NOW, IS THERE ONLY ONE MOON IN THE SKY? ARE YOU SURE?
BUT THAT'S AN ILLUSION. DO YOU NOT BELIEVE ME?
THE PROOF IS IN MY HANDS... LOOK! HERE'S ANOTHER!
BUT WAIT, THERE IS MORE!
HERE'S A THIRD!

WAAAA
NOW ISN'T THIS MAGICAL!
AND ON IT GOES...
JUST LOOK AT IT MULTIPLY!
WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?
AMA-ZING!
LIS MAGICIANS OF THE NIGHT CAN EASILY COMMAND THE MOON'S POWERS.
PAAK
IS EASILY DONE WITH MY BLACK HAT!
AND CHANGING THE MOON INTO WHITE ROSE...
WAAAH

ARGH!
THE MOON IS VERY MAGICAL.
DID YOU WANT THESE FLOWERS? NO, NO! IF YOU WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND, BUY YOUR OWN FLOWERS!
RIGHT! FOR EXAMPLE, LOOK AT THIS!
WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT IT'LL MORPH INTO WHEN WE HOLD IT IN OUR HANDS.
PLUNG
HAHAHAHA
OH WAIT
I CAN'T STAY AND WATCH, I'VE GOT TO FIND UNCLE AND GO HOME.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
WAH!
SORRY, EXCUSE ME!

HEY THERE!
UNCLE
HELLO, MISS!
AH
COME ON DON'T BE SO STERN! HERE, HAVE A DRINK DAISY
ARGH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "HEY THERE"? I MADE AN EFFORT TO COOK TONIGHT, SO LET'S GO HOME NOW!
HEY
HAH!
DID HE JUST SAY DAISY?
IT'S DAISY THE MAGICIAN!
DAISY'S HERE!
THIS GIRL
IS THE FAMOUS DAISY?

WAAAAH
OH WOW, THEY'RE RIGHT!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DAISY, SHOW US YOUR MAGIC!
YES, SHOW US! YOU CAN DO THOSE TRICKS TOO, RIGHT?!
COME, LET US SEE WHO'S THE GREATER MAGICIAN!
B-BUT-
I HAVE TO GO HOME FOR DINNER.
RIGHT! RIGHT!
STAY AND SHOW THEM DAISY!
UNCLE!!!
HAHAHAHA
H-HEY DAM, WHAT DO WE DO?
I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MY ABILITIES COMPARED TO THAT LITTLE KID
THIS SITUATION'S GETTING TOO WEIRD...

UM...
GOOD EVENING
Ahh!
Nervous
COME, COME! HERE, JUST DO IT!
THE TWO OF YOU, IT'LL BE A SHAME IF YOU LOSE AGAINST A KID!
DUK DUK
AH!
WHY NOT? LET US COMPETE, MISSY.
COME, SHOW US YOUR SKILLS!

UGH. I HAVE TO GO HOME SOON THE OTHERS ARE WAITING FOR ME
UMM... IN THAT CASE... HERE! A FLOWER!
TURNING
HEH?
SHE'S GREAT INDEED, DEE! SUCH A JOKER. HAHAA!
IT SEEMS SHE'S NOT AS POWERFUL AS RUMORED!
HA HA HA HA
LISTEN, MISSY
REAL MAGICIANS CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT
WATCH CLOSELY!

MAGICIANS IN ALL CORNERS OF THE CITY ARE SPECIAL
EVEN BALLS AND RABBITS!
INSIDE THEIR MANY POCKETS CONTAINS ALL SORTS OF SURPRISES-
PIGEON AND ROSES,
CARDS AND HANDKER-CHIEFS,
BUT IF YOU DARE PEEK INTO OUR SECRETS, YOU'LL BECOME A PRISONER TO OUR POWERS!
JOKER
THE GLORY OF ENCHAN-MENTS!
NOW THAT IS WHAT MAGIC TRULY IS!
WAAA
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
THEY'RE SO GOOD!

WAS YOUR MAGIC AT PICCADILLY CIRCUS JUST A FAKE?
MUST BE!
PERHAPS THE DAILY BELLS WAS MISTAKEN!
SO? GREAT, ISN'T IT?
YES, YOU WERE REALLY COOL
SO, YOU WON'T MIND IF I GO HOME NOW, RIGHT?
HEY, WHAT'S UP, DAISY?
ER
WHAAT!!!
GRRRRR
I DARE YOU TO SAY THAT AGAIN!
UWAAAH!!?
HUSH,
SHOW THEM, DAISY!
DAISY IS DIFFERENT FROM ME! SHE'S VERY TALENTED!
PLEASE! UNCLE, STOP BABBLING!
W-WHAT'S WITH YOU? IS SHE THE KID AT YOUR PLACE?
SEEMS TO ME LIKE SHE CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING!
UNCLE!

WHAT...
Hicks
I'M ALREADY IN TROUBLE SINCE THE INCIDENT AT THAMES RIVER
IF I SHOWED THEM MY MAGICAL SKILLS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN?
U-UNCLE, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
Huuuu Huuu Huuuu
WHAT A SCENE! HE'S OBVIOUSLY DRUNK
He He
DAISY'S SO CRUEL...
YOU'RE SHAMING ME BY ACTING THIS WAY...
THEY MUST HAVE HIRED HER AS A SCAM TO INCREASE SALES.
WELL, I WON'T BE BUYING THE DAILY BELLS AFTER THIS!
TAP

AS YOU SAY,
I AM INDEED ONLY A SMALL KID
BUT I AM NOT A PERSON WHO WILL JUST STAY QUIET WHEN LOOKED DOWN UPON!
I...
TAP TAP TAP TAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
COME HERE!

WATCH! I'LL MAKE THEM DISAPPEAR FOR A WHILE!
AHH! MY PIGEONS!
TSK!
AAAARGHHH!!
STOP OVERREACTING!
MY PRECIOUS PIGEONS! WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM! MY DEAREST ELIZABETH, CATHERINE, LOUISE -
CATHERINE.
...YOU NAMED THE PIGEONS?
YOUR PIGEON IS THERE!

DEB, NOO!
HOLD ON, ELIZABETH!
Bo
Mь!
HYAAA!
IT CAME OUT OF THE GLASS!
A-ALL RIGHT.
CATHERINE!
SIR, I CAN'T DRINK THIS ANYMORE, PLEASE CHANGE IT!
.....
HM?
HEY...
WHY'S IT STIFF?
EH?
KRTTT KRRRT
UUGH
NYAAAT

UWAAAAAH!
BUM
BUM
BUM
BUM
RABBITS! RABBITS EVERY-WHERE!
CATCH THEM!
OUCH! THAT HURTS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
D-DAM
HA HA HA HA HA
WAAA WAA WAAA
MY BAR WILL BE RUINED!
PLEASE, MAKE THEM GO AWAY!
DAK DAK DAK DAK

OVERDID IT
WHY SUCH A LONG FACE?

HICKS
HEY BOYS,
ARE YOU HAPPY TO SEE ME?
?
VICTORIA?
GAH!
THAT KID! THAT DAMN KID!
LET GO OF ME! WHAT IS THIS ABOUT!?
SLAAAP
EH?
WELL, THE SITUATION WENT OUT OF HAND...
DAM'S PRIDE WAS HIT HARD
HE'S TALKING ABOUT DAISY

ALL YOUR PROPS WERE RUINED, AND WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THAT BAR AGAIN!
YOURS TOO, DEE!
DON'T YOU FEEL ANGRY?!
BUT SHE'S THE REAL DEAL
IT'S NATURAL THAT WE LOST.
SHE'S A TRUE MAGICIAN.
EH?
MOREOVER, I ONLY BROUGHT TWO RABBITS, BUT SHE FILLED THE BAR UP WITH THEM!
HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED IT YET? DAISY JUST HAPPENED TO BE THERE; SHE DIDN'T BRING ANY PROPS WITH HER AT ALL
VICTORIA!
WHAT A SHAME, I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM TOO
D DON'T SAID SUCH SCARY THINGS! WE JUST WEREN'T PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION, T-THAT'S WHY WE MISSED HOW SHE DID THOSE TRICKS—

WELL,
YOU GET IT NOW, RIGHT?
THE TRUE MEANING OF MY WORDS.
W-WAIT
DON'T TELL ME...
AWW JUST IMAGINING IT MAKES MY HEART THROB!
I FEEL LIKE I CAN CONQUER THE WHOLE WORLD NOW!
wink
LITTLE MISS DAISY
LET'S KIDNAP HER.

HEY! QUIET DOWN THERE, IT'S LATE!
SHH!
WHAT?!!
HO HO HO, FORGIVE US!
T-THAT'S TRUE,
BUT HOW DO WE GET HER?
ISN'T IT?
IF WE CAN GET THAT KID ON OUR SIDE, OUR POWERS WILL BE 100 TIMES GREATER,
I'VE NOTICED DAISY'S STRANGE POWERS SINCE THE BEGINNING
I SEE
DAM
BY USING THAT INSTRUMENT INSIDE THAT POCKET OF YOURS

HEHEHE...
INTERESTING.
HEY, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
SHE'S JUST A KID.
IT'S WRONG TO THINK OF HER AS ONLY A KID
CAM?
COME, LET'S HONOR THE POWERS OF A MAGICIAN
IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR IF WE DIDN'T GET SOME PAYBACK FOR THIS EVENING.
IT SUITS TOO
US MAGICIANS...
WITH THE BLACK CAT.

WHAT A TREAT! YOU'VE TWO BOYFRIENDS-
AH SHE'S MAD
.....
CAN I ALSO JOIN YOU?
YOOHOO! WHAT A PRETTY LADY!
OOPS!
OH DEAR, JUST LOOK MY LEG JUST SLIPPED!
YEAH, LUCKY
AREN'T WE LUCKY? TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE?
HO HO HO
OH, WHAT A SHAME!
WHAT HAVE I DONE!?

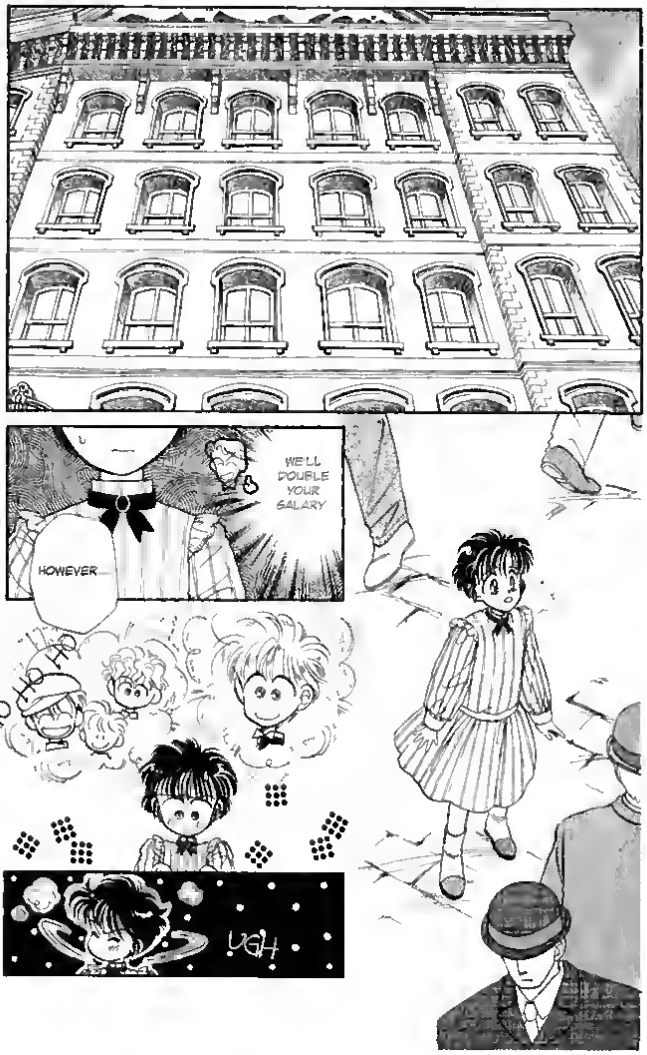
Good Morning
Z Z Z
CLICK
HOW IS HE?
UNCLE'S STILL SLEEPING. BUT THE BAR'S RUINED,
SO I HAD TO PAY THE OWNER COMPENSATION
THAT'S BECAUSE DAISY NEVER THINKS THINGS THROUGH!
WHEN YOU ACT BEFORE REALIZING THE CONSEQUENCES, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS

YES? AH! MAYBELLE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LECTURE, I'M ALREADY FEELING GUILTY!
IT TOOK ALL OF OUR SAVINGS TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES! WE HAVE NO MONEY AGAIN!
DAISY, MAY I COME IN?
OF COURSE, PLEASE COME IN! I'LL MAKE SOME TEA.
THANK YOU.
BUT I CAN'T STAY TOO LONG.
I'M RUNNING SOME ERRANDS FOR MY FATHER AND SNEAKED AWAY.
OTHERWISE
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU AT ALL

YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
IT SEEMS THAT YOUR SITUATION HAS WORSENED WHILE I WAS NOT AROUND.
YES. JUST BEFORE I LEFT, I FOUND OUT THAT MY FATHER WANTED TO SEE YOU URGENTLY.
SO I SECRETLY SENT GLEN A TELEGRAM WARNING HIM
I DIDN'T QUITE KNOW WHAT IT WAS ABOUT THEN.
Made me angry.
SORRY, DAISY...
THIS ONLY HAPPENED BECAUSE I WAS AWAY FROM LONDON AT THE TIME
TO BE HONEST,

I'M QUITE UPSET
MR. HAMILTON ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD, HUH?
YOUR FATHER IS RATHER HEARTLESS
YES!
YOU GO INSTEAD
I DID WONDER WHAT MY FATHER WAS UP TO WHEN HE SENT ME OFF TO DO THINGS THAT WERE SUPPOSEDLY MISS GARDNER'S JOB
Grunt Bup!
I KNOW NOW I WAS SENT AWAY BECAUSE I STOOD IN HIS WAY
I'VE GIVEN UP.
I TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO ASK HIM WHO BOUGHT THE CLIPBOARD, BUT HE WOULDN'T TELL
WE'LL OVERCOME IT FOR SURE-
IT'S FINE
BUT DAISY, IT'LL BE DIFFICULT NOW
HA HA HA
FORGIVE ME
WHY? THIS ISN'T MAYBELLE'S FAULT IT'S ALL RIGHT

AH!
WHAT IS IT?
UNCLE'S RATHER SAD THIS MORNING,
I'M SURE THAT IF HE'S ASKED TO CONVERSE WITH A PRETTY GIRL, HE'LL QUICKLY RECOVER HIS SPIRITS AGAIN
ACTUALLY, WOULD YOU MIND ACCOMPANYING MY UNCLE FOR A WHILE MORE?
I'LL BE JUST A MOMENT!
EH?
PLEASE?
BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DAISY?
?


WE'LL DOUBLE YOUR SALARY
HOWEVER...
HO HO HO
UGH

AH
WHAT ARE YOU STANDING OUT HERE?
.....
I CAN'T!
N-NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!
I JUST CAN'T DO IT!
THAT WAS CLOSE. IF DAISY ENTERED INSIDE, I WOULD HAVE BEAT YOU BLACK AND BLUE.
JACKY!
DON'T RUSH THINGS, DAISY.
DON'T WE ALWAYS GET LUCKY IN THE END?

YES.
YOU'RE RIGHT
DAK DAK DAK
EXCUSE US!
YO-HO! WE'RE HERE TO GET TODAY'S JOB!
HAHAA! MORNING
GOOD MORNING, BIG BROTHER!
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU CAN FIND THERE SOMETIMES! WE'VE EVEN FOUND QUITE A FEW COINS TOO!
AH, THERE'S BROTHER
HAHAA, SORRY! WE WERE CLEANING DRAINS EARLIER
WOW! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT YOU'RE GREAT WITH KIDS, GLEN.
BUT TRY TO REMEMBER THAT THIS IS NOT AN ORPHANAGE
FLOP
SORRY, I KNOW THAT
MAKE SURE THEY DON'T DIRTY THE OFFICE
GOOD TO HEAR
WOULD IT BE BETTER IF WE STOLE INSTEAD? THE PROFITS ARE BIGGER, YOU KNOW!
THE WALLET YESTERDAY WAS BIG TOO, BUT IT WAS EMPTY INSIDE!
HUH! THAT OLD GEEZER CAN TALK BIG WHEN HE'S NEVER HAD TO WORK HARD FOR MONEY
YOU GUYS...
THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE'RE HERE ACTUALLY.
WHERE'S DAISY?
IF YOU THREE SHOWERED, THE OTHERS WOULDN'T HAVE COMPLAINED!

SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HER USUAL SELF
YEAH?
YES, YES! A DAISY LIKE THAT IS LESS FUN TO BE AROUND!
SHE'S ACTING A BIT STRANGE RECENTLY
OH, SHE HAD TO GO DOWN-TOWN
STRANGE?
OH I SEE
NOEL!
CAN WE GIVE THAT THING TO DAISY?
WHAT THING?
EH?
AH, IT'S NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT.
HMM
IS SOMETHING MAKING DAISY SAD?

THE MOTIF IS ONLY ON ONE SIDE.
FIRST, I WAS GOING TO KEEP IT AS A TREASURE.
THE COIN! I FOUND IT IN THE MUD.
BUT IT LOOKS WEIRD
EH, SHORTY...
JUST A QUICK LOOK, OK?
IN THAT CASE, CAN I HAVE A LOOK?
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT! PLEASE?
NO WAY!
CAN I HAVE THE COIN INSTEAD?
I SAID NO WAY!

YES
JUST LOOK ONLY
HEY! GIVE IT BACK ALREADY!!
WAWA
wave
THIS IS EXCITING!
MAY I SEE THAT TOO, GLEN?
HO HO, IT'S NOT EVEN A PERFECT FORGE.
A COMMONER CAN EASILY TELL IT'S A FAKE.
DON'T YOU KIDS READ THE NEWS?!
WHO SAYS WE KNOW HOW TO READ!
DON'T YOU MEN FEEL ASHAMED? ADULTS WANTING A KID'S BAUBLE
PUNG
AH, SORRY.
HERE... THANK YOU

I TOLD YOU, I FOUND IT IN THE MUD.
HEY...
CAN I ASK WHERE YOU GOT THAT COIN FROM?
IN THE MUD WHERE? IN WHICH STREET?
IT WAS AT SOUTH-WARK, WASN'T IT?
HE FOUND IT IN THE DRAINAGE PIPES AT SOUTH-WARK
WHY DOES THAT MATTER WHICH PIPES IT'S FROM?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I SEE... AT SOUTH-WARK'S HUH...
GOOD!

WE WON'T BE RETURNING TO OUR VILLAGE ANYTIME SOON.
I FEEL QUITE DISHEARTENED NOW
IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE TO START FROM BEGINNING AGAIN, JACKY.
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS TO TRY.
BUT IS IT TRUE THAT THERE WAS A CUSTOMER WHO WAS WILLING TO BUY THE CLIPBOARD FOR DOUBLE THE PRICE?
SEEMS LIKE IT
MR HAMILTON IS SUCH A CHEATER!

THANK YOU FOR YESTERDAY
EH?
AH, IT'S-
AH
I APOLOGISE, MR DAM
PICCADILLY
UMM, BUT ACTUALLY,
I'M THE ONE WHO DID SUCH EMBARRASSING THINGS PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
HOW WAS IT DECIDED THAT YOU'RE DAM INSTEAD OF DEE?
Tweedledum and Tweedledee
OH REALLY?
DID YOU PICK THAT NAME BASED ON THE TWINS IN THE ALICE IN WONDERLAND STORY?
THAT IS MY STAGE NAME

BUT THE NAME SUITS YOU WELL!
OH I SEE!
WE DREW THEM OUT OF A HAT
THANKS
JUST CALL ME DAN.
.....
IS THAT PRIVATE?
YES.
I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME.
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR SITUATION, MISS DAISY...
THAT HE WAS GREEDY FOR MONEY AND SEALED A DEAL WITH ANOTHER CUSTOMER INSTEAD.
BY THE WAY,
DO YOU KNOW A MR HAMILTON? HE LIVES AT FARINDON STREET

THEN LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE CUSTOMER WHO BOUGHT THE CUPBOARD.
YOUR STATEMENT SPEAKS BADLY OF HIM, BUT THAT WAS THE CASE INDEED.
IT'S TRUE THAT THEY BOUGHT IT AT DOUBLE THE PRICE
EH?
HOW
I KNOW WHO THAT PERSON IS,
MISS DAISY

I WAS CURIOUS TO FIND OUT TOO...
OOPS, IT'S GOTTEN THIS LATE ALREADY
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...
W-WAIT!
MISTER DAM!!!
PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT IT!
PLEASE! I REALLY NEED THAT CLIPBOARD!
LET'S TALK SOMEPLACE QUIETER
IT'S TOO CROWDED HERE WITH TOO MANY PEOPLE.
THANK YOU!
COME,
ALL RIGHT.

FOLLOW ME
BUT DON'T BRING THAT CROW WITH YOU
JACKY!
WAIT FOR NOEL AND FRIENDS HERE
DAISY'S AROUND TODAY, SO THESE PAPERS WILL DEFINITELY BE SOLD OUT!
HUH?
HEY! DAI-
?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HEY, THAT'S DAISY THERE
WHERE'S SHE GOING?

WHAT IS IT?
LOOK MONTY
THE MAN IN FRONT OF DAISY
AH!
THAT'S THE MAN YOU GAVE A FREE DAILY TO.
YES, THE MAGICIAN
DO THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?
STRANGE
I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT THE SITUATION!
YOU GUYS START WORKING FIRST!
NOEL!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
HMM...
A CHARM?
BEFORE THAT, LET'S CAST A CHARM.
THERE'S A RESTAURANT HERE I OFTEN VISIT.
YES, ONE THAT ALLOWS OUR CONVERSATION TO GO SMOOTHLY
YOU DON'T LIKE SUCH A THING?
WOW, I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BELIEVE IN CHARMS, DAN!
NOT AT ALL! I LIKE THAT VERY MUCH!
GOOD. IN THAT CASE...
SHEK!!

KEEP LOOKING AT THIS BALL...
DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES,
JUST KEEP LOOK-ING...
.....
Hmmm

HAH?
TAP TAP TAP
DAISY! WHERE ARE YOU?
EH...?
URGH, WHAT A NUISANCE!

LOOK AT THIS BALL CLOSELY!
SORRY FOR THAT, LET'S TRY IT ONCE MORE
YOU WON'T HEAR THAT DISTRACTING NOISE AT ALL
HYPNOTISM..!?
AH!
MY RIBBON!
WHAT?
MISTER I ALSO HAVE A CHARM!
AH!

FLASH

HEH
WHY?
YOU WERE TRYING TO HYPNOTIZE ME!
DAMN!
SRRRT

NOEL!
SO THAT VOICE WAS YOURS, NOEL!
I'M GLAD YOU SHOWED UP!
WHAT WAS THAT EARLIER ?
THIS RIBBON FROM GLEN IS REALLY USEFUL.
IT'S A SPELL TO TIE MY CONSCIOUSNESS!
DAISY?
.....

DAISY
YOU
ARE YOU TRULY A REAL MAGICIAN?
JUST YOU WAIT!!!
DJK
DJK
DAMN IT! ONCE WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT NOW TWICE IS EVEN WORSE!!!

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10月5日はれのち雨
今日失恋しました。

October 5 (Clear skies then rain)
Today my girlfriend dumped me

10月6日くもり
昨日失恋しました。

October 6 (Cloudy)
Yesterday my girlfriend dumped me

10月7日はれのちくもり
おととい失恋しました。

October 7 (Clear skies then cloudy)
Day before yesterday my girlfriend dumped me

10月8日くもりのちはれ
さきおととい失恋しました。

October 8 (Cloudy, then clear)
Three days ago my girlfriend dumped me

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